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Transmitted herewith is:

- ✓ A response/amendment in the above-identified application.
- ✓ No additional claim fee is required.
- ✓ Please charge any deficiencies or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1897.

Respectfully submitted,

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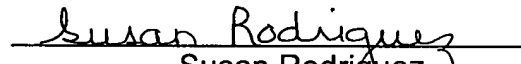
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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action of August 26, 2005, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the following:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.